P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, throughout the ages, men have offered humble thanks for the priceless gifts of soil, water, air, and sunshine which makes all things possible; and,

WHEREAS, at a time where we are more numerous, with most of us now living in cities and urban areas, our attitude is becoming one of concern for the world and they that dwell therein, for our God given resources, their quality and use; and,

WHEREAS, the need for conservation and renewal of our resources to insure a quality environment has never been greater, the people of South Dakota must renew the dedication and responsibilities they share in protecting nature's benefits for all people -- now and in the future:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of May 16-23, 1971, as

SOIL STEWARDSHIP WEEK

and urge all citizens of this State along with their organizations and institutions to give thanks for God's blessings, rededicate themselves to action for the conservation and wise use of the resources our Creator has entrusted in us to insure a quality environment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota in Pierre, the Capital City, this 30th day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-one.

Richard F. Kneip

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Alma Larson

ALMA LARSON, SECRETARY OF STATE

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